

February 26, 1941

Mrs. Hazel Pratt Wood  
Alton, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I am very happy to have your letter and to know that you are coming for our Oklahoma game. We will have tickets for you and although there will be quite a jam, I am sure that you will recall old times when jams were the regular thing. Students are still having jam sessions.

The explanation in your letter that you have friends in Kansas City is good enough for us. We will just let it go at that and I assure you that any time that you have free we will be delighted to see you. My office is still in the gymnasium and when you and Walter and your family come we will expect to see you.

Mr. Earl Falkenstien, the Financial Secretary to the Athletic Association, will have your tickets. I am sure you will have no trouble in procuring them.

I spoke to Mrs. Allen and told her that the Wood's were coming and she is anxious to have a good visit with you. So even if I am tied up I trust you will run by the house. Mrs. Allen would be delighted to see your lovely family.

I quite agree with you that Walter will naturally want to affiliate with the S.A.E.'s, and I am sure the Sig Alph's will be on their toes wanting Walter, Jr. How could they forget the old man? He made a very indelible mark when he was on Mount Oread.

Cecilia had rather slipped out of my mind, but now I do remember that there were two children. All of us will be anxious to see you.

Anticipating the pleasure of your coming, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Alton, Illinois

Feb. 24, 1941

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your cordial letter received and we are planning on coming to Lawrence March 7<sup>th</sup> to see the Okla. game.

Please don't go to any trouble. We'll just come and look around, visit with what old friends there are at hand and find out just what will be the best thing to do in getting Edward settled. We also have friends in K.C. that must be seen so you see this trip is quite an event with the game as the high spot.

I'm dropping Mr. Hitt, who wrote me, a line, hoping to see him Sat. morning. I believe that Walter would like to have Edward affiliate with D.A.E. but that will have to work itself out.

So I'll send our best wishes for you and yours and hope we will be saying them March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be four of us, Edward, Ceelia, Walter and

P.S. We appreciate very much your interest - W.P.W.

'Yours truly'  
Nazel Pratt Wood



February 26, 1941

Mr. Neal Wherry, Principal  
Lawrence Memorial High School  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Neal:

It was mighty thoughtful of you, Neal, to drop me the card when you were on the train between Baltimore and Washington.

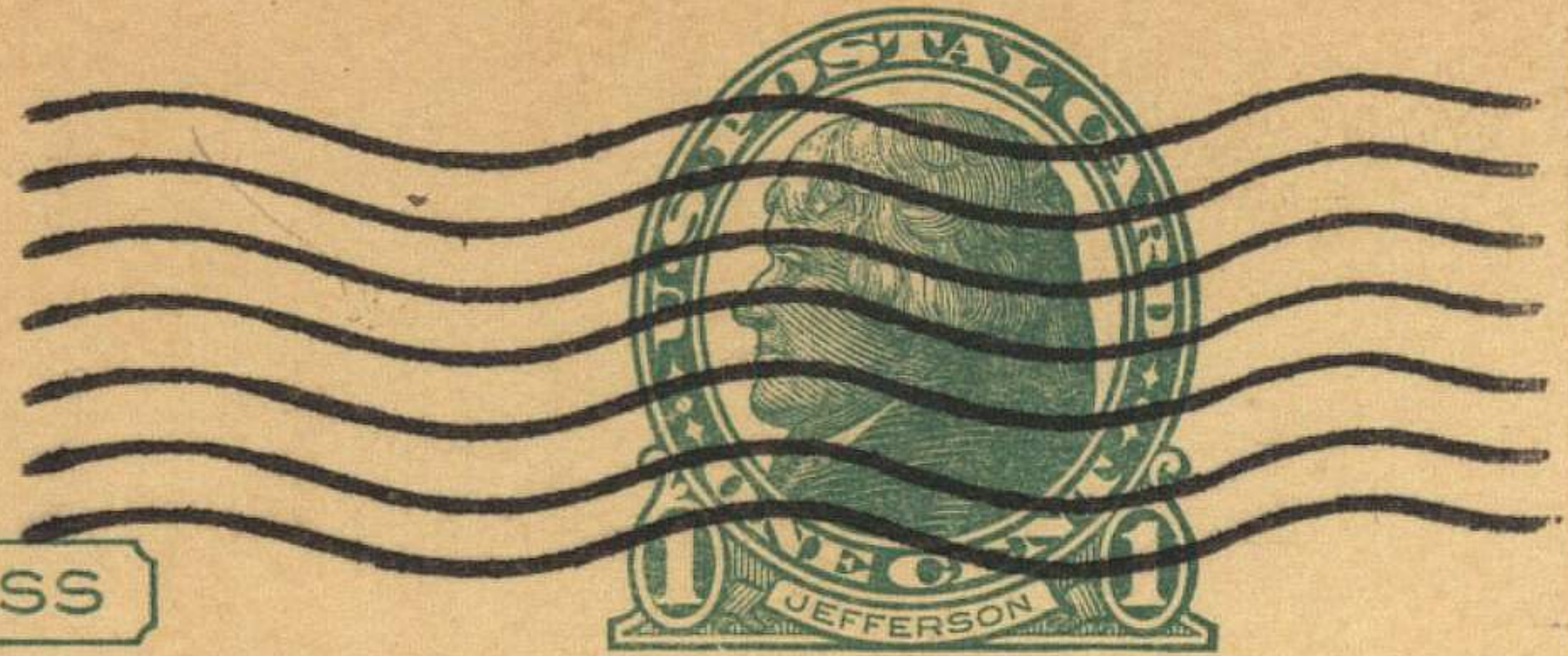
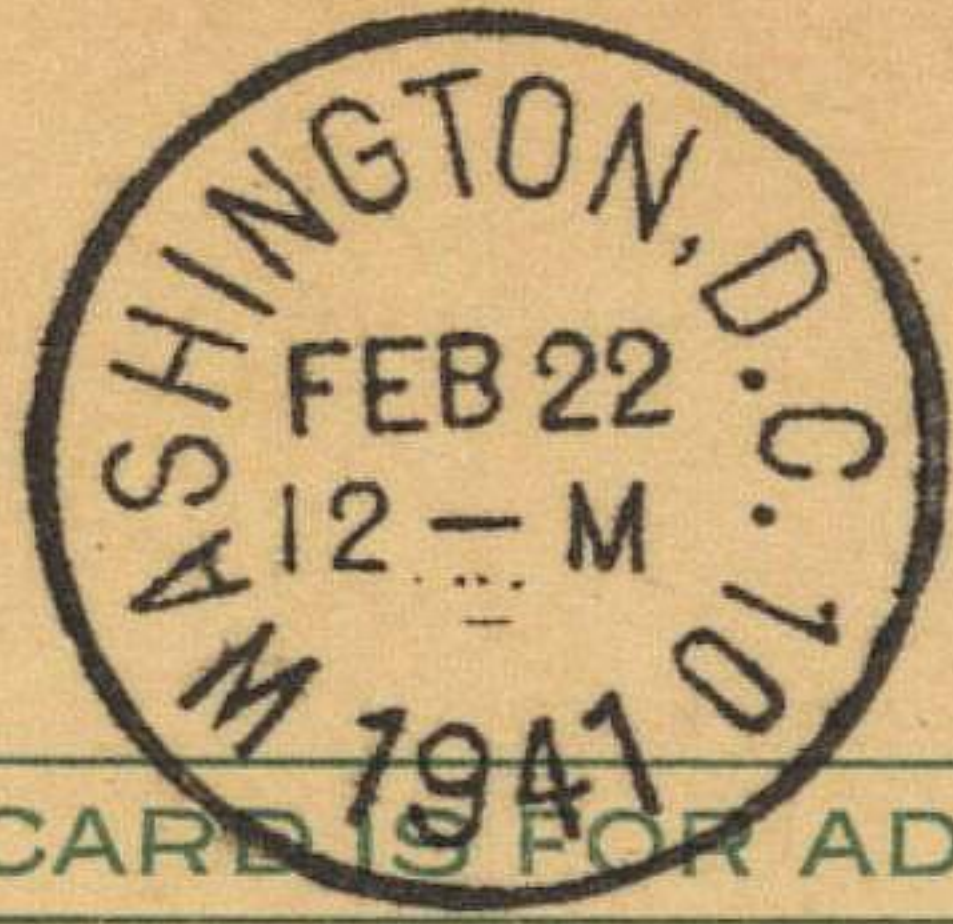
Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

"PHOG" ALLEN

R.U.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS



ON TRAIN  
BETWEEN  
BALTIMORE AND  
WASHINGTON

8:20 - SAT - 2-22-41

JUST READ IN  
WASHINGTON PAPER  
OF THE FINE 35-24  
VICTORY OVER M. U.  
CONGRATULATIONS

NEAL WHERRY  
Neal



March 4, 1941

Mr. Joe Wellman  
Loomis Advertising Company  
Telephone Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Joe:

I am sorry to tell you that our tickets for the Oklahoma game were all sold out on February 9, the day before we played Nebraska, and the Oklahoma A. and M. tickets have been gone nearly as long. As soon as the Sooners began to slip the A. and M. tickets picked up.

I regret that you waited so long, but I frankly believe we could have sold five thousand more tickets if we had them.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 3, 1941

*EF has seen this  
no ticket*

Mr. Forest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Will you please reserve five (5) tickets  
to the Oklahoma game, March 7, and also four (4)  
tickets to the Oklahoma A & M game on March 11?  
I will pick them up at the ticket office window  
before the game.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Joe Wellman*

JEW/s



March 5, 1941

Mr. Frank Watkins, Jr.  
6502 Summit Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Frank:

By some miraculous chance I have had Mr. Earl Falkenstien unearth two tickets for you for the Oklahoma game here on Friday night at 7:30 P.M. If you will call at the ticket booth prior to the game, Mr. Falkenstien will have the tickets for you.

After the game I trust you will come down on the floor and see the family. Mrs. Allen will be there at that time and I know she will be more than delighted to see you, as I will be.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 3rd

Dear Dr. Allen:

I'd like very much to buy two tickets to the game Friday night and not knowing who handles the tickets for KU I thought possibly you could reserve them for me. I've been trying to get up there all year but have been too busy up to know. I saw MU beat Oklahoma Saturday night and I don't think you should have any trouble doing the same thing. MU pulled their defense in tight around the basket and kept the taller OU boys away. Then they ran their legs off on a very fast break and although the Missouri boys were very hot they made OU look very ineffective. Please give Mrs. Allen my love and I hope that I will be able to see you make it #9 Friday night.

Sincerely

*Frank Watkins*



March 8, 1941

Mr. Armin Woestemeyer  
Peoples State Bank  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Westy:

Congratulations on the wonderful vote that  
you polled in the city nomination.

Your vote attests to your popularity and  
your worthwhileness. I am very happy for you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 11, 1941

Mr. Jack Wilson  
1439 Tennessee St.  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am enclosing some clippings which  
Mr. Wm. L. Butler, 230 Business Men's Assurance  
Building, Kansas City, Missouri sent me.

Mr. Butler asked that we show these  
clippings to Mr. Vic Hurt and then forward them  
to you at the Sigma Chi House.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 19, 1941

Mr. Tom Walton  
1425 Tennessee  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom:

We immediately got on the job regarding the repairing of the handball courts. We will appreciate it if you would kindly inspect them and see if there is anything lacking.

If you do find anything wrong, please come into the office and I assure you the matter will be taken care of immediately.

I was glad that you came in and I trust that you will feel free to come at any time and offer suggestions for the betterment of the playing field or the playing equipment.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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March 20, 1941

Cadet D. E. Williams  
Culver Military Academy  
Culver, Indiana

Dear Skipper:

Congratulations on your being selected as one  
of the co-captains for next year's Culver team.

We are all very proud of your achievement,  
and we trust that you will lead Culver to another  
championship.

Give my kindest regards to Coach Oliver.

With all good wishes for your continued success,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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March 20, 1941

Mr. Dick Williams  
2309 E. Sixth St.  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Dick:

I am mighty happy to have your letter of March 15 in which you enclosed a cartoon of "Skipper."

At our dinner table the other day Mrs. Allen had this cartoon, as Bobby always gets the Vedette, and we discussed Skipper and Odd. We are happy that both boys are doing so well.

In fact, Mrs. Allen, I am sure, has written you a letter congratulating you on Skipper's good work. She takes a personal interest in both boys because they are Culver men, or at least Skipper is one and Odd is on his way. I know of no one who has such a deep seated interest in Culver as Mrs. Allen. She thinks it is the grandest place in the world, and I find myself agreeing with her when it comes to a fine environment for boys.

Yes, I see Odd quite often; as a matter of fact, I went down to see one of his Junior High School games and the boy really looks good on the basketball court. I am writing Skipper a note congratulating him on being selected as a co-captain.

Our team was potentially not very strong this year and I was more than delighted to get a tie out of it. We had the most frail and least powerful team that I ever coached, yet they had a great fighting heart and for us to get a tie more than pleased me.

Everything is going along beautifully here in Lawrence and I trust that the Tucson weather is much to your liking.

With all good wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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Dick Williams

1047 Massachusetts

Lawrence, Kansas

March 15, 1941

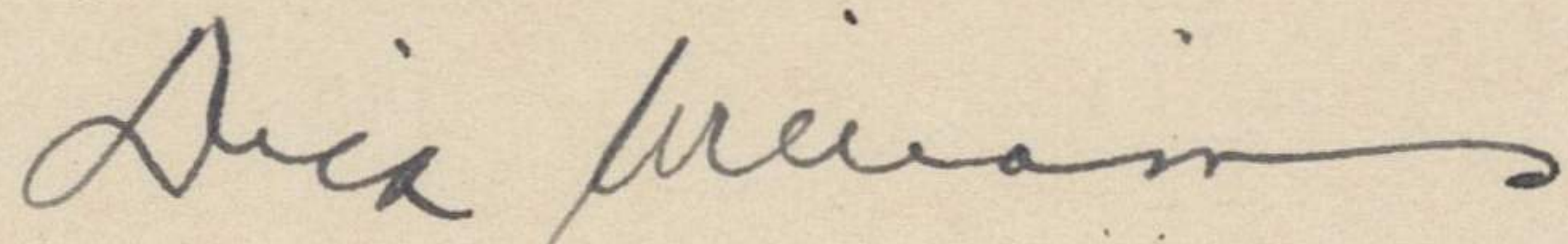
Dear Phog:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Culver school paper in which there is a cartoon about Skip's basketball playing. I just had a letter from him today in which he told me that he had been elected one of the co-captains for next year. He also told me that they had co-captains this year and the voting resulted in co-captains for next year. He also told me that Culver won their conference this year. He graduates this year and likes it so well that he wants to go back for another year, to which I have consented. Odd, as you know, also is going up next year, and they will have a hard time eventually keeping him off the varsity basketball team because he really loves the game.

I was sorry to see O. U. beat K. U. the last game, but am still proud to see K. U. tie for the Valley Championship. Odd keeps me informed after each game, telling me who made the goals and so forth. He keeps a record of every play as each game progresses.

I hope everything is running along to suit you and that you produce a winning baseball team. With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Lawrence, Kansas



April 4, 1941

Mr. Henry Werner  
Dean of Men  
1 Frank Strong Hall  
University of Kansas

Dear Fritz:

When I was a boy they sold large celluloid buttons that the youngsters wore on the lapels of their coat. One that I remember particularly well read as follows: "Tell your troubles to a policeman. Nobody else wants to hear them." This reminds me that I should inhibit my desire to write you this letter, but the inhibition is not strong enough, so here goes.

For five or six years the District Festival, the Midwest Band Festival, and other festivals, consisting of hordes of fine young students from the high schools, together with a copious amount of wind and brass instruments, have descended upon the gymnasium and made our teaching impossible, not only in the gym but in our classrooms, which are located in the gymnasium.

I have implored the administration and the powers that be, to petition the Union Building for such quartering as checkrooms for wraps and instruments, and a general meeting place for this great group of prospective students, but it has been of no avail.

It seems to me that this would be the logical place to quarter these youngsters because it would be selling the youth of the State, in their very beginning, this fine Union Building. Its atmosphere is cheery, homelike and friendly. While, on the other hand, we are forced to send the youngsters down to the basement which quarters the toilets and the shower bath. It is like putting the youngsters in your basement at home when they come to visit.

The only objection that I can see to the use of the Union Building is that the gym is close to the auditorium, while the Union Building is across the campus, which occasions a trek by the students across one of the most beautiful campuses in America. I am wondering if you do not see the logic in my argument, so far as the utility, the reception to the students and the proper handling of these youngsters is concerned.

The girls in the bands are likewise forced to go to the basement of the women's dressing room to change their clothes. Naturally, there cannot be the proper maid service and hostesses that are necessary for such a situation. The Union Building provides these.



There is still a tendency on the strictly academician's part to discount the work done in our teaching program of Physical Education. I am now speaking of the teaching of solid subjects which rate academic credit.

I do not believe that the administration would preempt other departments and cause a dislocation of the teaching program as done here. By using the Union Building there would be no such dislocation of academic work and certainly it is the proper introduction to a hospitable University life.

Just imagine, if you can, our teachers endeavoring to hold classes with 500 or more effervescing, inquisitive, partially dizzy high school youngsters rushing pell-mell around our teaching environment.

If you see any logic in any part of this presentation, I would appreciate your whispering gently into the administration's ear.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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# LIBERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Neal M. Wherry  
Principal

April 7, 1941

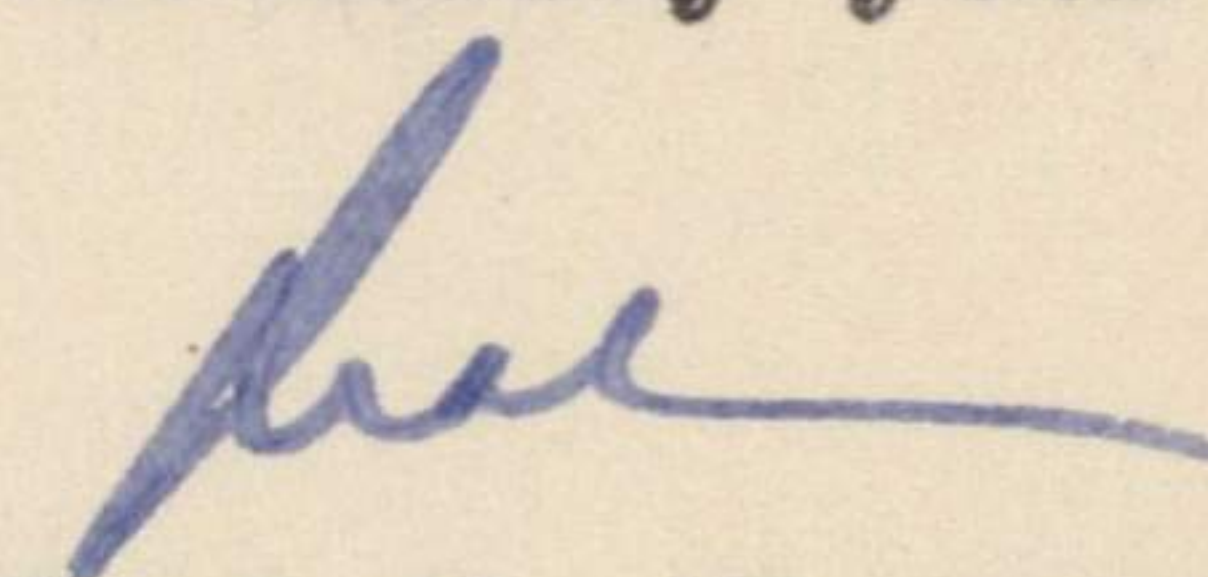
Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Athletic Office  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Personally and in behalf of the Kansas State High School Activities Association I want to thank you for your personal interest and courtesies in connection with our District Music Festival held on the "Hill" this past week-end.

We appreciated very much your good services.

Cordially yours,



Neal M. Wherry

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April 14, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood  
1831 Evergreen  
Alton, Illinois

Dear Walter and Hazel:

The lovely waterset just arrived and both Mrs. Allen and I are overjoyed. Thank you so much for sending it.

You may rest assured that everytime we use it this coming spring and summer we will think of you with most pleasant thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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April 12, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood  
1831 Evergreen  
Alton, Illinois

Dear Hazel and Walter:

I just received your very fine letter and while we are sorry not to have Edward here with us at Kansas, we cannot help but agree with you that the University of Illinois would not only be closer but I believe less expensive. And too, since Edward has lived in Illinois all of his life, it really is more his State University than is the University of Kansas in his mind at present. We would have been mighty glad to have done everything we could to make Kansas both a pleasant and profitable place for him to go to school. But I cannot help but see your point of view, even though we would like to have you and Walter and the daughter come often to visit us here.

Please do not feel that you owe anything to us at all. When I think of all the fine things that Walter Wood has done for Kansas, and when I think of the long and beneficial connection that you had in the women's department here, then the most we can do is not enough. I remember very distinctly that it was Walter that sent Charlie Black to Kansas. This splendid contribution was only a part of Walter's fine success here at Kansas. I remember his playing as a quarterback on the football team and on the Varsity basketball team. He certainly was one of our sterling athletes and a more personable individual I have never met. Whether Walter knows it or not he has always been one of my favorites of the alumni.

Of course, we will cherish any remembrance from you, but I did not want you to feel that way in the slightest. You were very welcome and we were sorry we did not have more time to visit with you people. We would love to have had you down at the house, but I know there were better claims on your time than we could make.

Yes, I knew that Charlie Black was personnel director at the Owens-Illinois Glass Company at Toledo. Last fall I spoke at the Ohio State Coaches Association Meeting at Toledo and after the meeting was over I called Charlie. He was not at home but he was out at the Yacht Club. So many of the coaches told me how fond they were of him, and in fact, it was one of his friends that insisted we get in touch with him and say hello. I spent a very pleasant 20 minutes visiting with Charlie over the telephone. He is still "Slicker" Black to me. I thought he was a grand athlete and a fine fellow, and I rejoice that he and Dorothy have done so well.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your lovely family,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,



1831 Evergreen

April 10, 1941  
Alton, Illinois

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a belated note to let you know how much all of us appreciated and enjoyed your hospitality. Walter and I have a great fondness for Kansas and the children seemed to like it too. We did have a most enjoyable trip, thanks to you and our friends.

We have just about decided to send Edward to Illinois University. We didn't realize that Kansas would cost so much more and even if we could get anything on a Noyes scholarship (which I doubt) it would be too small an amount to be of much help. Nevertheless we shall come to Kansas as often as we can.

We're sending by parcel post a water set made at Libby glass (Owens-Illinois Glass Co.) at



Toledo, Ohio. Charlie Black is  
personnel director there. I thought  
it an interesting hook-up. You  
may not hear much from the old  
set but they will never forget the  
Kansas days and the people who helped  
make them great days. We follow  
all news of your work with interest.  
You have accomplished much and long  
may you be at bat.

When you and Mrs. Allen come  
this way we will be most happy to  
have you with us or at least look us up.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely

Walter and Hazel Wood



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# Young Men's Christian Association

424 EAST FIRST STREET . . . WICHITA, KANSAS

April 23, 1941

*File*

Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

May I again express the appreciation of the Hi-Y Council and myself for the splendid address which you delivered to the boys at the Annual Father and Son Banquet. It was very well received and many of the group are still talking of the inspiration and the philosophies which you gave to the group.

Again we want you to know how glad we were to have you with us and the part that you played in our program.

Very sincerely,

*Jimmy*  
James M. Williams,  
City Boys' Work Secretary

JMW:dd

P.S. Enclosed you will find check for \$20.00 to cover traveling expenses.

Enc.



W  
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May 2nd, 1941

Mr. Geo. T. Wetsel,  
Sec. Lawrence Country Club  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear George:

This will acknowledge receipt of your card of April 30th. George, I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to miss that dinner and board meeting on the 7th, for I have Varsity Basketball practice at 7:00 o'clock.

I'm playing Guy Smith Saturday morning, and if I don't win, I'll pay for the dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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P.S. Dr. Allen went on a speaking date at Harper, Kansas, before this letter was written. He asked that I sign the same for him.

Secretary





Education for Service

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
WARRENSBURG, MO.

May 5, 1941

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Dear X-Mule:

The annual Mule Round-Up for old timers and under-graduate letter men will be held Friday night, May 16. The date is set for Friday night so that old members may attend the annual dance sponsored by the undergraduate "W" club. This party will follow the banquet. You may be interested in staying over and seeing the several new buildings that have been added to the campus. A short program is being planned and we know you will enjoy the evening if you can be present. Mark the date Friday night, May 16, at 7 o'clock P. M. and we are hoping you will be able to attend. The tax is \$1.00. The meal is free to under-graduates. If you can not get here and have not received your celluloid "W" card, which is a permanent pass to all games, please advise us and we shall be glad to send it to you. Please pass the word along--some are always overlooked.

Hoping to see you on May 16, I am

Sincerely,

Carl D. Voltmer  
Athletic Director

Dr. Allen: you have  
Cardwell High School  
Address on this date.  
Putts



May 16th, 1941

The "W" Club

Warrensburg, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Allen and I regret very much that we shall be unable to attend the "W" Club Annual Dance, May 16th, 1941, at 9:00 o'clock P.M.

I am to give the Commencement Address at Caldwell, Kansas, on this date.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and  
Recreation-Varsity Basketball and  
Baseball Coach.

FCA:rc



W  
May 2nd, 1941

Mr. Russell Wiley  
2045 New Hampshire Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wiley:

I called your home yesterday, but your wife informed me that you would not be home until Sunday evening.

Would it be possible, Russell, for you to get your band together to start the baseball games off with the "right spirit", Monday? Several of the boys from down town are to attend and I thought it would be very nice if you could arrange to have the drum corps, perhaps, or something to put the old "zip" out there.

I'll call you Sunday evening regarding the above matter.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS  
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DEPARTMENT OF BAND

May 8, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Campus

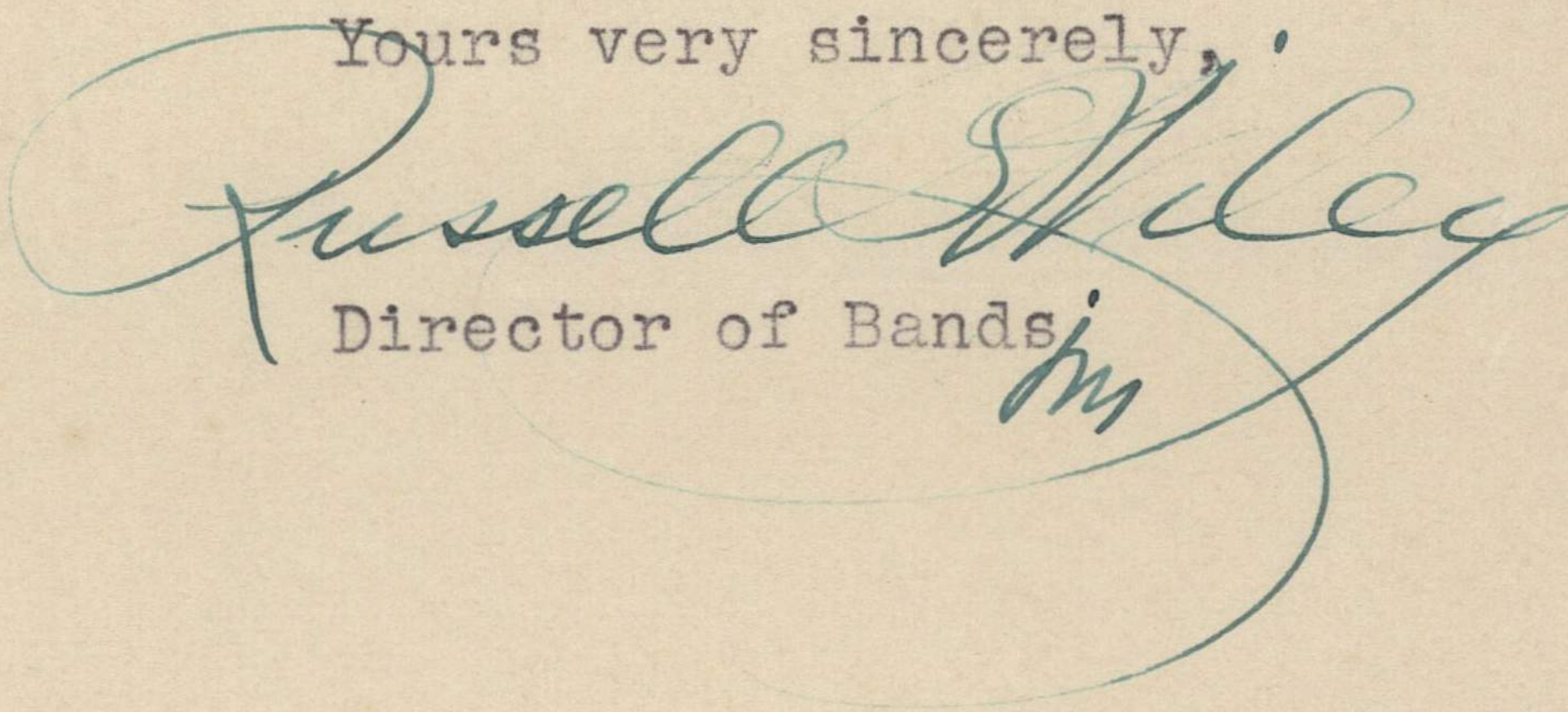
Dear Dr. Allen:

I am extremely sorry that I got your message on my return from Stillwater, Oklahoma too late to furnish a band for the Monday ball game. I hope you will forgive me and I assure you it was not my intention in any way to fail you on such an important occasion.

I am leaving again for Texas this week but I wanted to leave this late message of apology which will be signed by my secretary.

Assuring you again of my desire to cooperate with you in the many worth while programs you have here on the campus, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

  
Director of Bands  
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Russell L. Wiley  
jm